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VEHICLE ACTIVITY
NEW YEAR'S TRUCE
NORTH VIETNAM

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

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2. BACKGROUND:

THE ALLIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM OBSERVED A THIRTY-SIX HOUR TRUCE THAT STARTED AT 1800 ON 31 DECEMBER 1967 AND ENDED AT 0600 ON 02 JANUARY 1968.

3. COLLATERAL:

NORTH VIETNAM TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW YEAR'S CEASE FIRE, AS THEY DID OF THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE, TO INCREASE SUPPLY MOVEMENTS SOUTHWARD.

DURING THE TRUCE, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LOGISTIC EFFORT PRIMARILY INVOLVED THE USE OF LAND TRANSPORT TO MOVE SUPPLIES. FROM EIGHT HUNDRED TO ONE THOUSAND TRUCKS WERE SIGHTED ON NORTH VIETNAMESE HIGHWAYS. MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TRUCKS WERE NOTED ALONG A FIFTEEN-MILE SEGMENT OF ROUTE 1A SOUTH OF THANH HOA FIVE HOURS BEFORE THE TRUCE BEGAN. MOST OF THE VEHICLES SIGHTED

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DURING THE CEASE FIRE WERE ON ROUTE 1A SOUTH OF THANH HOA, SOUTH OF VINH, AND BETWEEN RON AND DONG HOI.

ASSUMING THAT THE EIGHT HUNDRED TO ONE THOUSAND TRUCKS CARRIED THREE TONS OF CARGO, AT LEAST 2,400 TO 3,000 TONS OF SUPPLIES WOULD HAVE BEEN IN TRANSIT. IF THE TOTAL TONNAGE OF CARGOES WAS DELIVERED TO SOUTH VIETNAM, IT WOULD EQUATE TO ABOUT A NINETY-FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-DAY SUPPLY OF THE ESTIMATED EXTERNAL REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED BY NORTH VIETNAM TO VIET CONG/NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

DURING THE NEW YEAR'S TRUCE, SOME WATER-BORNE LOGISTIC CRAFT ACTIVITY WAS NOTED NEAR QUANG KHE, WHERE A CONCENTRATION OF ONE HUNDRED SMALL CRAFT WAS MOVING SUPPLIES ACROSS THE SONG GIANG (RIVER). ANOTHER EIGHTY-TWO WATER-BORNE LOGISTIC CRAFT WERE OBSERVED SOUTH OF THANH HOA, AND A GROUP OF THIRTY-FIVE JUNKS WAS SEEN OFF CAPE FALAISE NEAR AN ACTIVE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT SERVED BY ROUTE 194. SHORTLY AFTER THE TRUCE ENDED, OVER ONE HUNDRED UNIDENTIFIED MOVING TARGETS WERE DETECTED BY RADAR ON ROADS AND WATERWAYS WITHIN A TEN-MILE RADIUS OF DONG HOI.¹

4. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS COVERAGE OF A MAJORITY OF THE NORTH VIETNAM COASTAL ROUTES, CHIEFLY ROUTE 1A SOUTH OF THANH HOA EXCEPT THOSE PORTIONS OF 1A FROM 1800N to 1900N. NO PHOTOGRAPHY

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DURING THE 1967 CHRISTMAS TRUCE PERIOD, MOST OF THE TRAFFIC WAS OBSERVED ON ROUTE 1A AND SECONDARY ROADS CONNECTING TO IT.

THE MAJORITY OF THE VEHICLES SIGHTED WERE CONVENTIONAL $2\frac{1}{2}$ TON TYPE CARGO TRUCKS. HOWEVER, NUMEROUS POL SUPPLY TRUCKS AND CABOVER-ENGINE TRUCKS WERE OBSERVED. CONVOYS SIGHTED WERE USUALLY SMALL AND DISPERSED. THE NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC CONTAINED MOSTLY EMPTY CARGO TRUCKS OR COVERED-BED CARGO TRUCKS, SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF COVERED-BED VEHICLES.

THE HEAVIEST CONCENTRATION OF TRAFFIC SIGHTED WAS AT THE YEN PHU TEMPORARY BRIDGE (SEE BRIEFING BOARD L-4751) WHERE 70 VEHICLES, IMPEDED BY THE ONE WAY CROSSING, WERE OBSERVED.

A TOTAL OF 974 NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES WAS SIGHTED ON PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE 1 JANUARY 1968 TRUCE PERIOD.

THIS NUMBER REFLECTS TRAFFIC PRIMARILY OBSERVED ON ROUTE 1A AND ON ROUTES USED AS BY-PASSES AND ALTERNATES TO ROUTE 1A.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE PORTRAYS THE VEHICLE COUNT AND DIRECTION OF TRAVEL DIVIDED BY ROUTE SEGMENTS.

VEHICLE SIGHTINGS AND HEADINGS:

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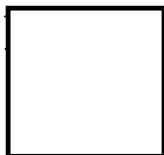
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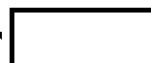
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ROUTE	LOCATION	NORTH HEADINGS	SOUTH HEADINGS	UNDETERMINED HEADINGS
1A	1700N - 1800N	44	63	56
1A	1800N - 1900N	0	0	0
1A	1900N - 2000N	341	279	59
1A	2000N - 2100N	18	26	0
10	2000N - 2100N	10	12	0
107	1900N - 2000N	0	4	0
108	1900N - 2000N	31	9	0
701	1900N - 2000N	11	9	0
704	1900N - 2000N	1	1	0
		<u>456</u>	<u>403</u>	<u>115</u>

TOTAL VEHICLES SIGHTED: 974

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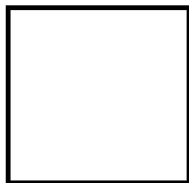
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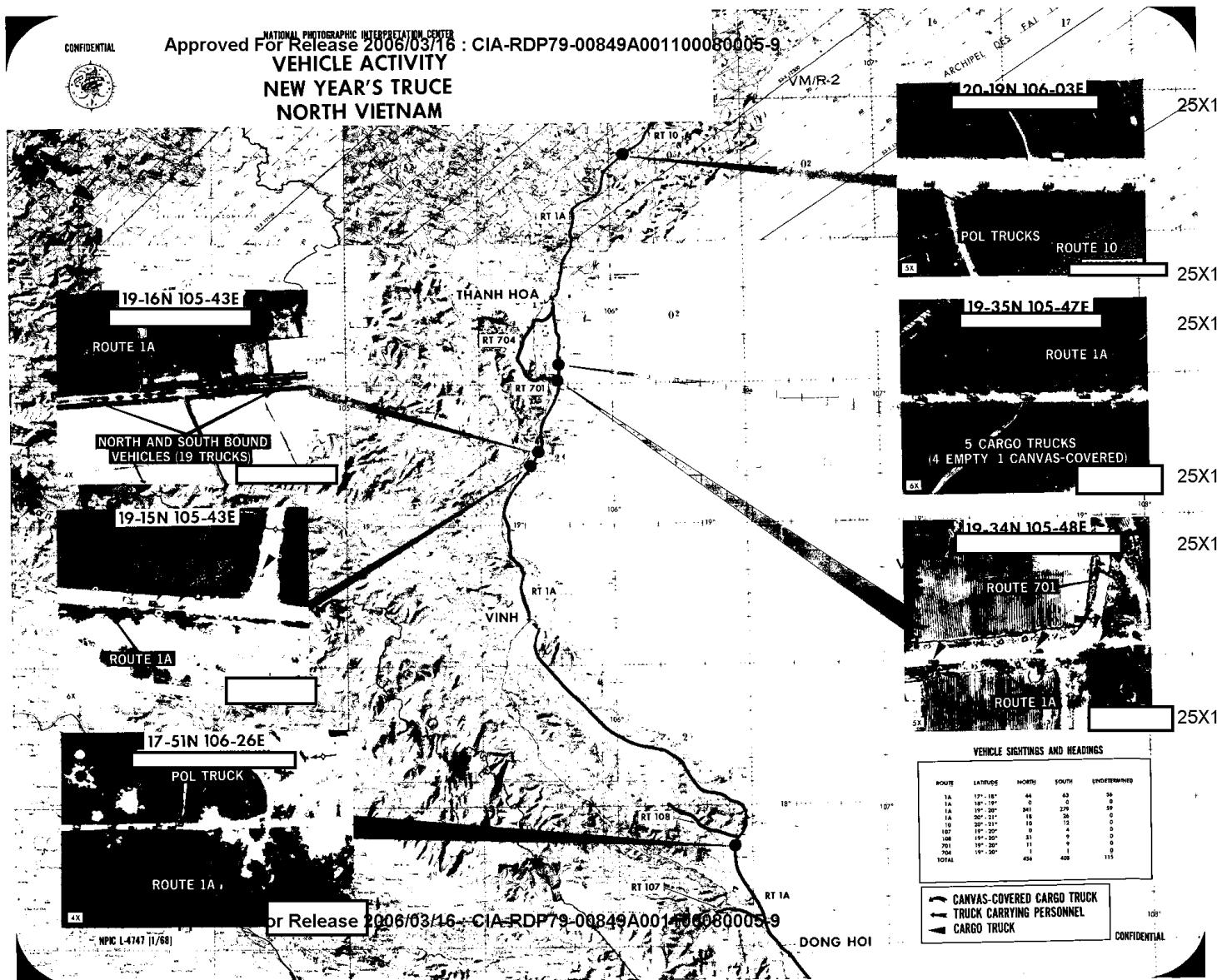
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POL TRUCKS
ROUTE 10

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19-35N 105-47E
ROUTE 1A

25X1

5 CARGO TRUCKS
(4 EMPTY 1 CANVAS-COVERED)

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19-34N 105-48E
ROUTE 701

25X1

ROUTE 1A

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VEHICLE SIGHTINGS AND HEADINGS

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1A	17°-18°	44	43	56
1A	18°-19°	0	0	0
1A	19°-20°	241	276	0
1A	20°-21°	18	36	0
10	20°-21°	10	12	0
108	19°-20°	0	4	0
701	19°-20°	31	9	0
701	19°-20°	11	9	0
704	19°-20°	1	1	0
TOTAL		464	428	115

- CANVAS-COVERED CARGO TRUCK
- TRUCK CARRYING PERSONNEL
- CARGO TRUCK

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